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To: MaineCare Behavioral Health Home Organizations

From: Stefanie Nadeau, Director, Office of MaineCare Services *Stefanie Nadeau*

Re: Important Changes to the Behavioral Health Home (BHH) Program

MaineCare would like to thank all of the Behavioral Health Home Organizations (BHHOs) for their commitment to the MaineCare Behavioral Health Home initiative. We appreciate your willingness to innovate and improve services for adults and children with significant mental health needs.

Since the April 2014 implementation date, there have been a few changes made to the program based on feedback from you, other stakeholders, and direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

MaineCare regulation governing delivery of Behavioral Health Home services can be found in Chapter II, Section 92 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch101/c2s092.docx>. This memo serves as notice of the following changes that have been implemented, with formal rulemaking to follow:

1. HHP Requirement: It is no longer a requirement for BHH members to be assigned to a Health Home Practice (HHP) within twelve (12) months of starting the program. While BHHOs must still partner with at least one HHP, a member who elects not to join an HHP may stay in the BHHO program.
2. Pass-Through Payments: Per guidance from CMS, as of January 1, 2015, MaineCare will make a single payment to the BHHO as the "Behavioral Health Home Lead Entity." This means that BHHOs will be responsible for contracting with and providing pass-through payments to the HHPs with whom they share members. MaineCare will provide additional information on this requirement to participating BHHOs and HHPs prior to implementation.
3. Rates, Adult Services: For adult services, BHHO reimbursement rates are as follows:
 - \$365.00 per member per month from April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 (initial enhanced rate)
 - \$357.00 per member per month from July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and
 - \$365.00 per member per month thereafter.

4. Rates, Children's Services: For children's services, BHHO reimbursement rates are as follows:
- \$325.00 per member per month from April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 (initial enhanced rate)
 - \$314.00 per member per month from July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and
 - \$322.00 per member per month thereafter.
5. Children's Eligibility: Children may be enrolled in the BHHO program prior to completion of the Child and Adolescent Needs & Strengths assessment; providers have one month to complete the assessment. Additional eligibility requirements can be found in Section 92.03 of the rule: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch101/c2s092.docx>

MaineCare thanks you for your continued commitment to the important work of behavioral health transformation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kitty Purington, Kitty.Purington@maine.gov